

Subject: HumanDimensions.gov Web Portal Update II

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Thanks for your interest in HD.gov!

This is a follow-up to the e-mail we sent a few days ago (see attached).

Progress:

Our placeholder portal is now available on-line at HD.gov!

To access it please go to www.HD.gov/home.php .

Within the next few weeks you will be able to sign into this page from the home page (HD.gov) using:

User: Partner

Password: Partner123

On the portal you will be able to access templates and guidelines for the different pages, see some draft example pages, explore navigation options, and read FAQs.

Remember: this is a placeholder, an example of what the working tool might look like and contain. Your ideas and contributions are essential in making the actual portal be even better. Please do not hesitate to send us your comments and suggestions.

Upcoming Meetings and Conferences

- The HD.gov team will be meeting with partners from February 20th to 22nd in Washington , DC to review the Web site and discuss future directions in preparation for the Web site release in June 2007. Please contact the HD.gov team for more information on that, especially if you'd like to attend.
- An abstract was sent to the Northeastern Recreation Research Symposium (NERR) to give a presentation at the annual meeting, April 15 – 17, 2007 (at the Sagamore Resort on Lake George in Bolton Landing, New York . Here is a link to find out more about NERR: <http://www.esf.edu/nerr/>)
- We anticipate that HD.gov will be officially released at the ISSRM meeting that will be held in Park City , Utah , June 17 - 21, 2007 (<http://www.issrm2007.org/>). We are planning a workshop to discuss the web site, committees, content, and future directions.

Next Steps:

- Continue to develop and solicit content
- Continue exploring “scraping” and “data mining” technologies
- Continue to work on building Web site
- Continue to develop the Quality Assurance / Quality Control workflow
- Continue recruitment and definition of roles for committees
- Continue marketing and outreach efforts
- Finalize development of preliminary interagency MOU/MOA

How Can I Help?

This Web site is developed by the social science of natural resource management community for that community and beyond. The interactive nature of this portal has the potential to make it a leading information source for practitioners and users alike. To realize that potential, we need to work together. There are many opportunities to help build the site. We are currently looking for assistance in:

1. Content review. Credibility of the portal is essential and we want to make sure all of the content is reviewed by multiple parties before being posted on-line.
2. Providing content within template structure and guidelines. This can be achieved by either directing us to sources of this information available on-line or by writing this content. None of the sections require more than two pages per topic, method, case study, and all contributors will be acknowledged for their contributions.
3. Providing new resources. Send us information concerning Web sites, books, publications, and other resources for us to add to the resources section.
4. General feedback. Please send any comments, requests, feedback you might have on the site.
5. Great ideas. The limits to what can be accomplished with HD.gov reside in our collective imagination. Your great ideas can bust those limits and take the portal to new levels of usability, purpose, and enjoyability.

Please feel free to forward this to anyone we might have missed or may have an interest in HD.gov.

Thank you.

HD.gov Team

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